

# A Call For Action

AN EDITORIAL

AMERICA'S largest union, representing 800,000 workers all in key war plants, spoke the sentiment of the entire workingclass and the great masses of America's people, when it issued its urgent appeal for the immediate opening of a Second Front in Europe.

The statement of the United Automobile Workers Union (CIO), issued through a meeting of its executive board, declares that decisions of the Casablanca conference must be "immediately carried out."

"Now, with Hitler staggering under the blows of our Soviet ally, invasion of Europe to bring about the unconditional surrender of the Axis is imperative. Defeat for the Axis in 1943 is the battle cry," says this great union of war workers.

The critical fighting at Kharkov emphasizes the danger to the cause of the United Nations in any further delay in the opening of a Second Front in Europe.

The UAW fully realizes who the enemies of the Second Front are. Its statement warns that "anti-labor and Quisling groups" are scheming to block the Casablanca decisions.

The union calls for an all-out campaign against those who are "echoing the Herr Goebbels gospel of the Communist menace," against the labor baiters in Congress, and all who want to negotiate "with the mad dogs of fascism."

The UAW whose members are engaged in the production of the weapons of offense—bombers, fighters, tanks, jeeps, trucks, guns are ready to back their plea for the offensive on the battlefield of Europe with the assurance of maximum support on the production front.

Rally around the Commander-in-Chief, smash the plots of the treacherous Quislings and labor-baiters, invade Europe NOW! Those are the slogans from the automotive shops.

All trade unionists and every American should take up these slogans and work for their speedy realization.

## 700 Unionists Honor Wm. Z. Foster

By Art Shields

The second front issue involves the honor and safety of the American people, said William Z. Foster, chairman, and Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party in brief but stirring speeches at the Hotel Diplomat yesterday.

The two Communist Party leaders were speaking at an anniversary banquet in honor of Foster's 52nd birthday.

More than 700 trade unionists and other friends of the veteran leader were present.

Frederick N. Myers, vice-president of the National Maritime Union, presided.

Heartfelt tribute to Foster's leadership came from every speaker.

"Bill Foster is a product of the struggle of the American working class," said Earl Browder. "He is a son of the American people. And one reason why we are proud of our country is because it produces such men for leadership."

Myers said: "Republicans, Democrats, Catholics, Protestants, Jews are paying tribute this afternoon to William Z. Foster and his Party. 'Trade unionists recognize the role of the Communist Party in the war effort in defense of their country. And wherever workers gather they identify Foster with their struggles.'"

Warmest tributes came from "Mother" Ella Reeve Bloor; James W. Ford, member of the national committee, Communist Party; Irving Potash, Joseph Winogradsky and Lyndon Henry, leaders of the furriers union; Charles Collins, chairman of the Negro Labor Victory Committee; Max Perlow, vice-president, the United Furniture Workers; CIO; Frank Duttio, AFL bakers; Ferdinand C. Smith, NLU secretary; Morris Gainer, AFL painters and other speakers.

Foster's speech was a second front rallying call.

He castigated the defeatists, who work to delay the second front because they don't want Hitler to be beaten.

Two gifted orators are engaging only a dozen Axis divisions, he said, while the Soviet Union bears the whole brunt of the war.

That's no credit to American military leadership, he pointed out. Opening his speech, Foster said: "The central task of the trade

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## KHARKOV BATTLE RAGES

### WLB Violates Gov't Wage Policy—Murray

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 14.—CIO President Philip Murray, declared here yesterday "recent decisions of the War Labor Board are not consistent with the basic policies set forth in the National Stabilization Act, the Price and Wage Stabilization Executive Order of the President and the publicly announced policies of the board itself."

Mr. Murray made this statement at a meeting of 50 CIO representatives serving on the 12 regional war labor boards.

He described WLB decisions in the meat packing and West Coast aircraft industries as "a direct violation of the Government's wage stabilization policy." Failure to recognize "the severe inequalities and inequities" suffered by meat and aircraft workers, he pointed out, is "a direct blow against the war production program."

Mr. Murray urged, however, that the War Labor Board be retained as an instrument for furthering the war program. The CIO has approved wage stabilization, he stated, as part of national economic policy to prevent inflation. But, he explained, stabilization was not intended to freeze wages. He insisted that wage allowances must be made for the increased cost of living since May, 1942.

CIO Secretary James E. Carey added his protest to that of President Murray Sunday night, in the National Forum of the Air Broadcast from Washington, D. C.

He warned that labor is losing patience with the yielding on the part of Congress to "special interest groups."

Labor's pledge to cooperate in wage stabilization, he urged, was based on the understanding that prices and profits would be held as inflexible as wages.

Labor respects its pledges and expects others to do the same, Carey said. "But the patience of our members will not last for ever," he added.

"Now," Carey went on, "the Senate has approved the Rankine Bill (banning deduction of benefit payments in figuring farm parity prices), which will raise farm prices without regard to the effect on the consumer or on production. The House Appropriations Committee has killed proposed incentive payments for farmers which would give the farmers more return for raising much-needed crops, and yet would not add to retail prices."

### CIO Backs FDR Social Plan

Immediate action by Congress to effect the "goals set forth in the post war planning reports" of the National Resources Planning Board was urged yesterday by President Philip Murray of the CIO.

Murray said that these goals "were in line with the best democratic tradition in America."

"We cannot afford until the war ends to plan for peace," the CIO leader emphasized in calling on Congress "to enact a broad social security program and to give legal authority for the exercise of powers adequate to guide the transition to full peacetime production."

He warned that unless Congress acts "millions of returning soldiers and war workers will be idle when war production ceases, and great quantities of material and food will be wasted."

Murray joins William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in support of the post-war reconstruction plans drawn up by the National Resources Planning Board, and submitted by the President to Congress last Wednesday. The AFL head endorsed the plans on Saturday, praising the President for his foresight in urging Congress to proceed with "concrete planning for social security" to follow the war.

The support given to the NRPB reports by both wings of the labor movement contrasts sharply with the attacks on these reports by various newspapers on the grounds that they are "totalitarian," "bolshevik," and "fascist."

### The City's Growing Transit Snarl



This soldier had to spend about an hour of his short furlough waiting in line for a bus because the city has failed to adopt a workable defense transit plan, such as has improved transportation in Washington and other cities.

## Cacchione Plan for Staggered Hours Would Ease Transit Jam

(This is the second of two articles dealing with the overtaxed city transit system.)

By Harry Raymond

The New York City administration, today boasting the greatest local transportation system in the world, has utterly failed to place this system in the best wartime use.

Many buses and streetcars of the municipally-owned lines remain idle through a greater part of any working day, the Office of Defense Transportation reported last month.

CACCHIONE PLAN

These transit facilities, ODT officials state, could be used to unsnarl the rush-hour traffic jams if they were put in round-the-clock service based on an overall industrial plan to staggered work hours.

The ODT called for staggered hour

schedules on Feb. 23. Councilman Peter V. Cacchione, Brooklyn Communist, proposed such a plan in the City Council in January. And his resolution asking for staggered hours has remained buried in the City Affairs Committee ever since.

The question, therefore, arises! Is the City Affairs Committee of the Council sabotaging defense transportation? There are many who think the committee is doing just that.

Steadily increased travel—since America entered the war—on streetcars, buses and subway lines, and resultant transit jams during rush hours, indicate that more efficient use of available vehicles to handle industrial, school, shopping and business

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## Red Army Drives West from Vyazma

LONDON, March 14 (UP).—The great battle for Kharkov went into its second week Sunday with Berlin claiming that most of the strategic city was in Nazi hands and Moscow admitting that in one sector of the Kharkov area the enemy had wedged into Soviet defenses.

### 7 Attacks on Aleutian Bases

WASHINGTON, March 14 (UP).—The Navy revealed today that American planes carried out seven attacks the past two days against Japanese positions in the Aleutians and the Solomons without losing a single U. S. plane.

Continuing their almost daily aerial thrusts against both ends of the Pacific battle line, the Americans struck twice at Kiska and five times in the Solomons Friday and Saturday. It was the fifth and sixth raids in a week on Kiska.

Biggest blow apparently was struck at the "feeder" base of Vila in the central Solomons where fighter-escorted dive bombers yesterday scored hits, which "caused heavy explosions and smoke in the target area."

The communiqué did not explain the heavy explosions; but they presumably were caused by hits on an ammunition dump. Vila has been used in the past as a supply base for the nearby Munda air base which underwent its 15th raid of the war Friday — the same day that heavy bombers again attacked Vila and the northern Solomons air bases at Kahili and Ballale. The Friday attacks were described as "minor."

In the past fortnight, Vila has become virtually the number 1 American target in the Solomons.

The communiqué also gave evidence of a mounting aerial offensive against Japanese-held Kiska. It reported that on successive afternoons, bomb-carrying Curtiss Warhawk fighters bombed and strafed enemy positions on that north Pacific outpost.

### British Repel Nazi Thrust

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, March 14 (UP).—Axis artillery was reported feeling out the British Eighth Army tonight in the Mareth area while Allied bombers hit back with widespread raids on enemy tanks and gun emplacements.

Activity elsewhere on the Tunisian front was reduced except in one sector in the north where a trifling thrust by only 30 German infantrymen was promptly driven back by British First Army Detachments.

To the northwest, French units were reported consolidating their recently won positions at Nefta, Tozeur and Metlaoui which put them in striking distance of the big Axis base of Gafsa.

Bombers of the western desert air force—formerly of the middle east command—smashed heavily at the enemy ramparts on the Mareth line while U. S.-piloted Spitfires and

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The Sunday communiques from both sides reported fighting of great ferocity with heavy losses.

A Berlin broadcast last night said that formations of Nazi SS combat troops retook Kharkov by an enveloping attack from north and east after days of hard fighting.

"In the area of Kharkov," Moscow reported, "Soviet troops engaged in battles which are assuming an ever fiercer character. Soviet troops courageously repulsed pressure of the enemy's superior tank and motorized infantry troops."

KNOCK OUT 9 TANKS

In one sector, Moscow continued, the enemy succeeded in wedging into Soviet defenses but "X" unit counterattacked and threw back the enemy. In this action, it was claimed, nine German tanks, three armored cars, two self-propelled guns and 12 mortars were disabled while 50 Nazi troops were killed.

The Red Army, possibly significantly, referred to the fighting as in the "area" of Kharkov rather than in the city itself.

OFFENSIVE CONTINUES

Elsewhere on the fighting fronts from the Arctic Ocean to the Black Sea both sides reported scattered activity on land and sea and in the air.

A Soviet communiqué said that west of Vyazma Red Army troops continued on the offensive and occupied several inhabited places. A German infantry battalion, supported by tanks, twice counterattacked during Saturday night but was repulsed. Four Nazi tanks were destroyed and the Red Army killed 200 German soldiers and captured booty including 40 cars of material.

South of Vyazma Soviet troops captured 20 inhabited places including Miliutinsky Zavod.

South of Byelyi, which is 83 miles northeast of the great German base at Smolensk, Moscow said, Soviet troops advanced and captured several inhabited places. "X" unit circled a strong point and drove out a company of Hitlerites who refused to lay down their arms. Three anti-tank guns, five trench mortars, nine machine-guns, motor workshops with spare parts and several dumps of artillery shells were captured.

On the Arctic front, the Germans claimed, German planes raided the Fisher Peninsula and the city and harbor area of Murmansk, port of entry for American and British supplies to Russia, again were heavily bombed.

Far to the south, "off the coast of the Caucasus," a Soviet steamer of 7,600 tons was sunk by Nazi speed boats.

### Berlin Radio Cut, Hint British Raid

The Berlin short-wave radio abruptly ceased broadcasting at 10:20 A.M. EWT yesterday, indicating a possible daylight air raid on the continent.

Berlin resumed broadcasting at 11 A.M.

## RAF Attacks Nazi Air Fields in France

LONDON, March 14 (UP).—Fast, deadly RAF Whirlwinds renewed the Allied air attack against the German-held French coastal area today, battering enemy air fields at Abbeville and Maupertus while British fighters swept northern France, destroying at least two enemy planes.

The devastating night attacks on the continent were interrupted last night after Friday's smashing raid on Essen, in which more than 1,000 tons of bombs were dropped on the Krupp works. Allied activity Saturday night was limited to mining enemy waters, the Air Ministry announced.

Four RAF fighters were missing in the sweeps over northern France but first reports did not mention losses among the Whirlwinds that pounded the Nazi hopping-off points at Abbeville and at Maupertus, 145 miles to the southeast on the Cherbourg peninsula.

Southeast coast watchers reported considerable activity over the Dover Straits just before dusk. Vapor trails could be seen over the French coast, suggesting that dog fights were going on. Later, about a dozen British fighters returned from the direction of Calais, passing four more RAF planes headed for France in a seeming shuttle service.

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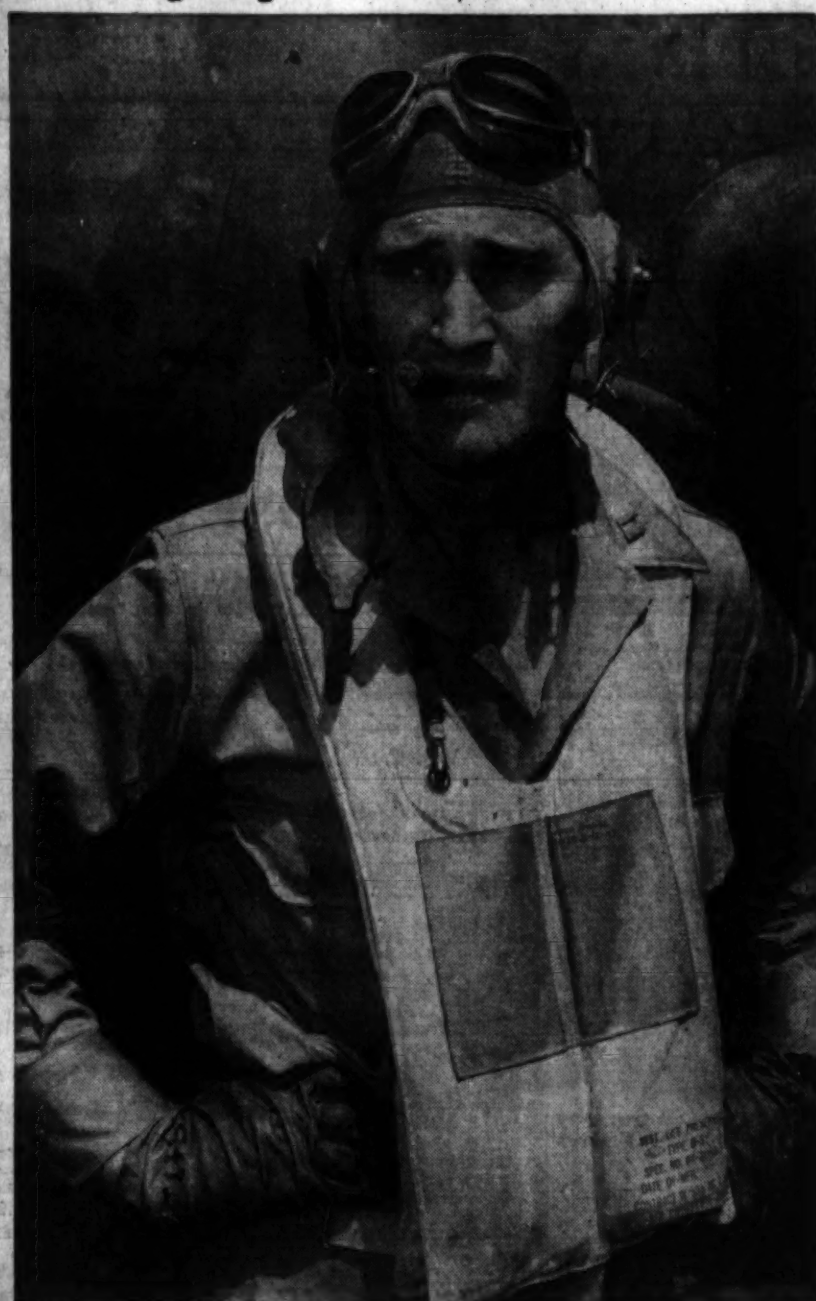
A series of articles on the positive contributions toward postwar USA and USSR collaborations and some of its misconceptions of Marxism.

By MILTON HOWARD

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## Fighting Joe Foss, Marine Ace



To date Captain Joe Foss, Marine Corps pilot, and the six members of his squadron, have knocked 60 Japanese planes into the South Pacific. Of these Foss has personally accounted for 26. Captain Foss hails from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and is seen here, as in action with the inevitable cigar.

## Lithuanian Fascist Here Lauds Hitler

DETROIT, March 14.—Not content with spreading disruptive pro-Nazi and un-American propaganda amongst Lithuanians—Americans through the columns of his paper, the Chicago Daily Draugas, Leonard Shimutis, a well-known pro-fascist now employs the false fear of Communism to wreck unity amongst Lithuanian-Americans.

His latest gesture was to split a united Committee of Detroit Lithuanians organized at the end of last year to raise funds for an American Red Cross ambulance.

How Shimutis split the committee is explained in a correspondence appearing in the progressive Lithuanian Daily Vilnia, February 28, 1943.

According to the English translation of the Vilnia story "at the end of last year, through the initiative of progressive Lithuanians, there was formed a united Detroit Lithuanian committee to buy an ambulance for the Red Cross."

"All Lithuanian groups made up the committee. Detroit Lithuanian priests in sermons at three churches urged the people to work unitedly."

"After the sermons in behalf of effort to buy an ambulance for the Red Cross had been delivered on Sunday, Father Cisauskas (a local Catholic priest) received a telegram on Monday from L. Shimutis of Chicago advising that Catholics should not join with Communists (to them all are Communists) who do not succumb to Nazi propaganda and should separate themselves from the united committee, and at the same time to separate themselves from the buying of the ambulance."

"Of course, Father Cisauskas heeded his political superior. The Catholics have declined from such a necessary and worthy cause in behalf of our country."

Just last December Mr. Shimutis' Draugas cursed a group of patriotic Lithuanian Americans who had voted donations to Russian War Relief, the USO, the Navy Fund, the Red Cross and China War Relief. In his December 4, 1942, edition the efforts of these patriotic citizens were characterized as "work of swine."

Two weeks later Draugas on December 22, 1942, displayed its secret love for the Nazis with a seven-column front page banner head in large type reading "Hitler prepares to liberate Tunisia."

This headline appeared at a time when North African countries were being liberated from the Nazis at the expense of lives and blood of American soldiers.

Even before this time, Draugas was already hailing the Nazis as "liberators." A month after the

bloody Nazi military machine had invaded Lithuania, the Draugas of July 29, 1941, rejoiced over the Nazi invasion.

"These were the most happy days," was the way Draugas described it.

Here is the story Draugas printed then: "The hopes of the rebels of Lithuania were fulfilled. The deciding hour had struck. On June 22nd, in the morning, cannons roared at the Lithuanian border, the echoes resounded from the iron-birds laying 'eggs' from which all the airdromes and other military equipment built by the Bolsheviks in Lithuania flew into the air. On June 23, about noon, all of Lithuania arose."

"In this decisive battle, the Lithuanian refugees living in Germany and its conquered countries did not stand by. Not a few of them stood alongside of the German soldiers. Together they marched against Lithuania's and all Europe's tyrant, bloody red Bolshevikism."

"These were the most happy days for the refugees to liberate Lithuania from barbarism, to help their brothers from ruin, to help save that which today still may be saved, and finally to die in their own country for Lithuania's freedom and independence."

Thus Mr. Shimutis who has been parroting Nazi propaganda for so long a time continues to employ Goebbels' Red Bogy to wreck our war effort. He disunites and disrupts reputable and worthy Lithuanian Committees.

In doing so he is doing just what Goebbels had hoped for. Certainly this latest gesture by Shimutis can only be appreciated by the Nazis.

## Wife of Chinese Envoy Named to Relief Council

Mme. Wei Tao-ming, wife of the Chinese Ambassador to the United States, has accepted the honorary chairmanship of China Aid Council, a participating agency of United China Relief, it is announced at United China Relief headquarters.

It was also announced that Dr. Lawson G. Lowrey and Mrs. John Tee-Van have become members of the Council's Board of Directors. Dr. Lowrey, who is president of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, will act as consultant to the Children's Division of the Council, which is sending to China educational and child study materials of all kinds, and sponsoring a training program to prepare Chinese students here and in China for child welfare work.

## Tuberculosis Rises Sharply In Hungary

GENEVA, March 14 (ICN).—Tuberculosis has greatly spread in Hungary, the Hungarian newspaper Nepesava reports.

The paper writes that according to official data, 470,000 persons suffer from tuberculosis in Hungary and 20,000 die annually from it.

When it is borne in mind, writes Nepesava, that members of families are in danger of being infected, it can be assumed that every fifth or sixth inhabitant of Hungary is or may very soon become a victim of this dangerous disease.

The increase in the number of tubercular cases is due to the continued worsening of the food situation in the country, the absence of hospitals and the poor medical service.

Scope of the disease has reached the proportions of an epidemic.

## He Was Only 12 But A Soviet Guerrilla

MOSCOW, March 14 (ICN).—"The winter is here in full force," wrote Partisan Vladimir to his daughters, Dina and Syzran. The letter, published in Izvestia this past week, continues:

"In my detachment there was a little boy, Tolik, 12 years old. His mother and father had been killed by the Germans. Tolik acted as a scout several times, reconnoitering the dispositions of the German garrison."

"Once he was caught and a traitor, a woman, told the Germans that he was a partisan scout."

"The Germans tied him up and beat him dreadfully. They promised to release him and give him a lot of money if he would divulge the whereabouts of the partisans and their number. But he replied, 'I am not afraid of you fascist vipers. Kill me, but all the same the partisans will wipe you out.'"

"He died without betraying the partisans. There are many such heroes."

"The Byelo-Russian girls knit gloves and socks for the partisans. They tend the wounded. Some of the children carry out fighting assignments and are small partisans."

Among other letters published in Izvestia is one from an old peasant woman addressed to Stalin. She apologizes to Stalin for the fact that she was unable to join a partisan detachment due to her age. Her husband and two sons, aged 17 and 14, are fighting in the partisan ranks. Although she was unable to shoulder a rifle, she is helping in every other possible way, she said.

Matrena Ivanovna does washing for the partisans, cooks their food and nurses the wounded, she explained. On her own initiative she made the rounds of the village inhabitants and collected money for the Red Army. Of the 17,000 rubles that were contributed, 300 were given by herself.

## Mikhailovitch Informed Gov't-in-Exile of Planned Axis Offensive Against Partisans

MOSCOW, March 14 (ICN).—The Yugoslav Government-in-Exile in London is aware of Drazo Mikhailovitch's attacks on the Yugoslav Partisan Liberation Army, radio station Free Yugoslavia charged in a broadcast heard here recently.

Furthermore, they were made aware of this treachery through an official report made to them by Mikhailovitch himself.

"In January of this year," the broadcast begins, "that is, before the beginning of the general offensive of German, Italian and Ustaasi troops against the People's Liberation Army in Yugoslavia, Mikhailovitch in a report to the Yugoslav Government in London made a statement which included the following: 'Parti of Serbia,

Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and part of Lika near the town of Bihac is now in the hands of Communists.' (Mikhailovitch, trickster that he is, calls the partisans 'Communists'). 'But,' he continued, 'the fate of the Communists will soon be settled here as well.'"

"The Congress held in Bihac and the decisions adopted there are, he said, not taken seriously by anybody. He added: 'The entire comedy of Bihac is a propaganda stunt.'"

"That's how Mikhailovitch refers to the historic Yugoslav Congress where the Anti-Fascist People's Council, headed by the well-known statesman and public figure, Dr. Ivan Ribar, was established.

"Soon after Mikhailovitch made this report, an offensive was begun by the occupation forces, aided by the Chetniks of Mikhailovitch. Owing to the numerical superiority of the troops of occupation, partisan units have in fact been temporarily forced out of Bihac."

"The People's Liberation Army is waging a fierce and bloody struggle against the forces of the enemy to liberate Yugoslavia from the foreign yoke. Germans, Italians, Ustaasi and Mikhailovitch's Chetniks are fighting on a common front. German and Italian aircraft brutally bomb and destroy the towns and villages of the liberated territory of Yugoslavia, killing tens of thousands of the civilian population."

lation—women, children and aged people."

"It is just at this moment that Mikhailovitch and his Chetniks drive their knives into the back of fighting Yugoslavia. It is difficult to imagine a greater or baser act of treachery."

"Yet in spite of all this there are people calling themselves fighters against Hitlerite tyranny and reckoning themselves friends of the Yugoslav people, who, like members of the Yugoslav Government in London, and like certain British and American men of affairs and their newspapers, continue to regard Mikhailovitch as the War Minister of Yugoslavia, supposedly organizing the struggle against the occupation forces."

## Norse Flee to Sweden to Escape Nazis

STOCKHOLM, March 14 (ICN).—An increasing number of Norwegians are escaping to Sweden from the terror of the Gestapo and the Quislings, and the Germans have been obliged to reinforce the guards at the Swedish-Norwegian border, unimpeachable information reaching here reveals.

A detachment of Quisling Storm Troopers with bloodhounds has been dispatched to the border by the Nazis, and mass arrests have been carried out all during last week in the border districts. Some 200 Norwegians were arrested in Halden and thrown into prison.

New executions of Norwegian patriots have evoked sweeping indignation throughout the country. The newspaper Arbeideren reports that the Hitlerites are trying by deceit to conscript Norwegians into the German army.

Many young Norwegians, for example, were recently mobilized on the basis of the compulsory labor "law" and sent to chauffeur's courses.

There they were unexpectedly ordered to change into German uniform. They were then sent to army training camps where they learned that the Germans intend to dispatch them to the front against the USSR.

One group of deceived Norwegians succeeded in making their escape to Sweden.

## Burma Workers Fight Japanese

CHUNGKING, March 14.—The Burmese workers, who were unable to put up an effective resistance to Japanese invasion early in 1942 because most of their leaders were still imprisoned by the British, have now begun to fight back.

## Belgians Aid Soviet War Prisoners

BERNE, March 14 (ICN).—The heroic struggle of the Red Army is evoking admiration among the Belgians suffering under the domination of German occupation. The Belgian population is expressing their solidarity and love for the Soviet people by helping the Russian workers and war prisoners brought to Belgium by the Germans.

In a Montegne school the children came to the Esperance coal mine where a group of Russian war prisoners was working and gave them their school breakfast.

Children collect cigarettes on the streets and bring them to the war prisoners, and women collect bread for them at the bakeries.

One woman was arrested along with her 8-year-old child for giving bread to war prisoners. A crowd, indignant at this provocation, organized a demonstration which lasted until 3 P. M. demanding the liberation of the woman.

Solidarity is most effectively expressed at the mines proper. At the aforementioned mine the Belgian miners formed a committee to support the war prisoners. Delegates of the committee demanded the same labor conditions and the same supplies and wages for the war prisoners as those enjoyed by the Belgian workers.

In Herstal, the wives of workers gather potatoes, vegetables and bread and give them daily to the Russian war prisoners working in the nearby mines.

"In Chansee, a solidarity demonstration took place when Russian war prisoners arrived. Hundreds of workers and office employees gathered at the station, and along with many of the passengers, greeted the Russian war prisoners as brothers, distributed articles of clothing among them and met them with the cry of 'Long live the Russians.'"

As a result leadership of the people was left to nationalist—and frequently pro-Japanese—Buddhist priests, who enjoy great prestige among the Burmese, most religious of all Southeast Asiatic peoples.

Within a few months the Japanese had suppressed the Burmese self-government committees, which had taken too literally the promise of national independence, and had disarmed the majority of the Burmese Independence Army, composed of misguided nationalists who had helped drive out the British.

The Burmese saw that they had been tricked, and the Indians clearly understood what awaited their own country should the Japanese penetrate into it. The violent and arrogant attitude of the enemy toward the Burmese alienated all but a tiny minority of upper-class traitors.

## Nazi Raids Cause Damage in England

LONDON, Sunday, March 14 (UP).—An Air Home Ministry communiqué said today that a small number of enemy planes bombed coastal areas of Southeast England last night, "causing some damage and a small number of casualties."

## Pravda Exposes New Nazi Provocations

MOSCOW, March 14 (ICN).—Pravda carries an article, "The Hitlerite Incendiaries," dealing with the burning of the Reichstag 10 years ago. Recalling the details of this crime, "one of the foulest provocations in history," and how "the courageous voice of Dimitroff turned the accused into the accuser," the paper continues:

"Today it is most appropriate to recall the burning of the German Reichstag. The criminals of 10 years ago are still to be found in the Berlin mansions. They have grown incomparably more dangerous in this period."

"The Reichstag provocation, monstrous in its time, pales in comparison to the endless chain of later crimes perpetrated by the Hitlerite cannibals."

"Then, they set the Reichstag ablaze and drenched Germany in blood. Six years later they set the world ablaze and began to drown the whole of Europe in blood."

"Hitlerite Germany mortally endangered the existence, the life of all mankind. Now, when the ground under the feet of the German fascists is shaking, they are once again attempting to resort to the old

and hackneyed method of forgers. "Again the Hitlerites have dug up the so-called 'Bolshevik danger' for Europe, the very same Europe which they themselves trampled underfoot, enslaved, and crushed."

"However, these new provocations will neither deceive nor frighten any one. These past 10 years, the Hitlerite adventurers have traversed a long path of crimes. But this path is coming to an end."

"The Berlin robbers are vainly trying to find a way out. New provocations will not avail them, and their old tricks will not save them. The Hitlerite incendiaries will have to answer for all their crimes. The hour of retribution is drawing nigh."

## Chinese Kill 1,000 of Foe At Salween

CHUNGKING, March 14 (UP).—Japanese forces in Yunnan Province are retreating toward their main base at Tengchung after being driven from several more points west of the Salween River, while in Central China the enemy has made no progress during the past 24 hours in his drive southward across the Yangtze River, the Chinese high command announced today.

A communiqué said the Japanese invaders of Yunnan had suffered more than 1,500 casualties, including at least 1,000 dead, in the past few days' fighting. Chinese troops were reported pursuing the fleeing enemy toward Tengchung after recapturing Huiyachieh, Hsiangyangchiao and other localities and dispersing Japanese remnants north of Chushichang, 13 miles north of Tengchung.

In the Lunging sector 30 miles southeast of Tengchung Japanese guns that shelled Chinese positions on the east bank of the Salween on March 8 were silenced by Chinese batteries, the communiqué reported.

Military informants here said the Japanese had been cleared from a 25-mile stretch of territory west of the Salween during the past two weeks, and that Chinese reinforcements from the interior of Yunnan were continuing to pour across the river to press Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's counter-offensive.

FAIL TO ADVANCE

The enemy column pushing toward Nanshan, on the western shore of Lake Tung Ting, made no progress yesterday, the high command announced, and the situation also remained unchanged on the Hupeh-Hunan border sector between Shihshaw, 23 miles northwest of the Hunan occupied city of Hwaying, and Chouchichang.

The communiqué reported that Chinese units yesterday inflicted severe losses on the Japanese in street fighting at Mitsou, 30 miles northwest of Hwaying, and that battles still were in progress in the vicinity of the town.

Meanwhile, delayed front dispatches said that Chinese troops in eastern Hunan Province, north of Hupeh, had inflicted about 800 casualties on Japanese forces that unsuccessfully attacked Chinese strongholds in the Shuangchue-Tungchung sector on Feb. 21 and 22.

Chinese forces in southern Shansi province north of Honan, were reported to have dislodged the Japanese from defensive positions near Fenchang in a four-day battle ending March 8.

Seven Japanese planes yesterday machine-gunned the suburbs of Kweilin, Kwei River town in Kwansi province, south of Jupeh, it was reported.

## Mexican Labor Warns of Drive By Reaction

By Alfred Miller (Special to The Worker)

MEXICO CITY, March 14.—Reaction and counter-revolution in Mexico are "better organized today than yesterday" and are preparing to gain a majority of seats in the next Congress, the National Committee of the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM) declared today, announcing that the CTM would play a fighting role in the coming elections.

The CTM statement pointed out that the retrogressive forces of the country, organized in "Accion Nacional," the National Sinisterist Union and similar organizations, and aided by a number of big newspapers, are striving to wreck national unity and continental solidarity.

Reactionary propaganda, the CTM message to all affiliated unions declared, "is poisoning the people against the revolution, is fomenting trends to exploit the people with increases of rent and skyrocketing food prices, and with hoarding of prime materials and articles of primary consumption."

These forces slander the government, whose legitimate measures of defense of the country they sabotage, the message said.

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# Call Rally to Demand Release of Burrows

The National Negro Congress yesterday called a protest meeting to demand the immediate release of George A. Burrows, deported to Mississippi by Governor Thomas E. Dewey on a trumped-up "attempted rape" charge.

At the same time the Negro Congress wired Governor Paul B. Johnson of Mississippi demanding that he immediately and unconditionally release Burrows.

## Wickard to Report On Farm Schedules

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, March 14. — Food Administrator Claude R. Wickard will make public a compilation of reports of farmers' planting schedules on Thursday which will inform consumers throughout the country what they can expect in the way of food during the next 12 months.

## News About Rationing

### To Be and Not to Be:

Following is the official list of foods that will and will not be rationed under the new meat-cheese-fat program:

#### RATIONED

1—Meats, including all fresh, frozen, smoked and cured beef, veal, lamb, and pork; all meats and meat products in containers of tin or glass; all dried meats; variety meats, including: tongues, brains, hearts, liver, tripe, sweetbreads, kidneys; bouillon cubes, beef extracts, and similar concentrates; all dry, semi-dry and fresh, smoked, and cooked sausage, including: salami, pork sausage, baked loaves, wieners, scrapple, soup, head cheese and others; suet, cod, and other fats.

2—Fish: all fish, shellfish, and fish products in hermetically sealed containers.

3—Fats and oils: butter, margarine, lard, shortening, cooking and salad oils.

Cheeses of all kinds except those expressly excluded. Rationed cheeses include the following: cheddar (American) Swiss, brick, munster, limburger, dehydrated gouda, club, gouda, edam, smoked, Italian, and Greek (all hard varieties), processed cheese, cheese foods, cheese products containing 30 per cent or more by weight of rationed cheeses.

#### NOT RATIONED

1—Fish: fresh fish, frozen fish, smoked, salt, pickled fish, fish in containers that are not hermetically sealed.

2—All poultry and game, whether fresh, frozen, or in tins or glass.

3—Fats and oils: olive oil when not blended with other ingredients; salad dressings and mayonnaises.

Cheeses: soft or perishable cheeses such as: cream cheese, neufchâtel, cottage, pot, baker's, camembert, brie, etc.; blue, Swiss spreads made with a base of cheese which is not rationed.

Cheese spreads and cheese products containing less than 30 per cent by weight of rationed cheeses.

## Quisling Fails To Split Norse On 'Red' Issue

STOCKHOLM, March 14 (ICN). — In trying to draw the oppressed Norwegian people over to his own support, the Hitlerite puppet in Norway, Terboven, is "chasing after the impossible," declares the Swedish newspaper, Ekström Kuriren, in an editorial.

The Hitlerites in Norway embark on no venture without threats and gross violence. Terboven threatens that any evasion of compulsory labor by the Norwegians will be considered "Communist activity."

The Germans, writes the paper, call every patriot a "Communist" in order to have "grounds" for immediately executing him. Many Norwegian patriots have lately sacrificed their lives as "Communists." These patriots are immortal national heroes.

The Norwegians are not bowing to the enemy. They have one aim: to get rid of their tyrants as quickly as possible.

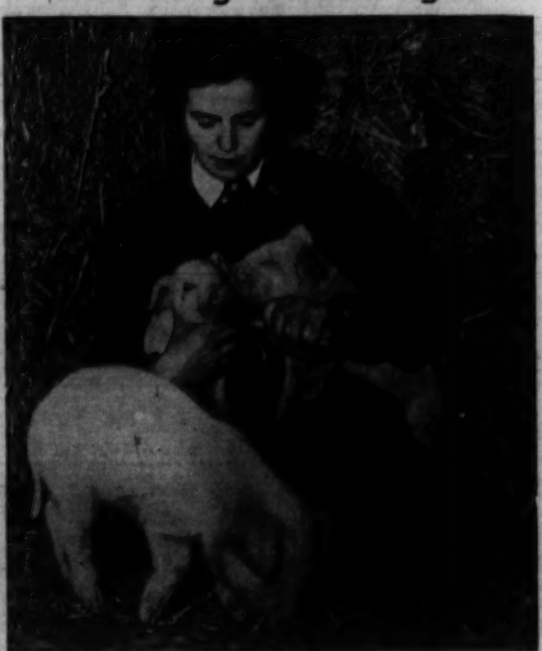
"We are disturbed," writes the paper, commenting on a related problem, "by Sweden's position. Is it possible that she will remain indifferent to the horrible fate awaiting Norway?"

"Is it possible that Sweden is permitting the transit of Germans through her country and will continue thus to render assistance to the oppressors of a fraternal people?"

"The time has come to answer this question."

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## Learning About Pigs



Studying Agriculture and Husbandry at the University of Hampshire, Durham, N. C. Gail Daly gives dinner via the bottle to some young porkers at the university farm. The university farm course helps students to replace farmers and spur the food-production program.

## Taft Stooges in Ohio Invite Rickenbacker

By Sig. Wenger  
(Special to the Daily Worker)

CLEVELAND, March 14. — The Taft-Bricker puppets in Ohio's House of Representatives put on another of their "smash labor" shows here the past week when they railroaded through by a vote of 114 to 5 a resolution inviting ex-Captain Edward V. Rickenbacker to address the General Assembly.

The vote came after Representative Lady Huml (Dem.) of Cleveland accused Rickenbacker of carrying on a "vicious, anti-labor" campaign and of being a "traitor to the state." Rickenbacker, who is a member of the Ohio House of Representatives, declared that the aviator "ought to be out on the firing line instead of disrupting the war effort."

Mr. Huml who led the fight against the Rickenbacker resolution made the suicidal error of attempting appeasement methods when the vote was taken, thus confusing others who might have voted against the proposal. The Cleveland legislator voted for the resolution, hoping in this way, to get support for his own resolution to invite President A. P. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen to explain labor's role in the war effort.

As always, appeasement didn't work. Once the Taft-Bricker defectors won a sweeping victory on their proposal, Huml's counter-proposal was laughed away.

#### SINISTER MOTIVES

Representative O'Brien asserted that Rickenbacker's speeches are written by "others, who have sinister political motives" and pointed out that Rickenbacker was woven from the same cloth as another well-known "hero," Lindbergh.

Other members of the House who voted against the resolution were Republicans George O. Braden of Warren and Howard L. Williams of Girard (both Trumbull County) and Democrats Joseph W. Kovach and Howard Metzenbaum of Cleveland.

It is significant that the two Republicans to vote condemnation of Rickenbacker are both from Trumbull County, where the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America CIO has established a very active and smoothly working Public Affairs Committee. Last week this committee sponsored a mass legislative rally in Warren, attended by over 400 people, including Representative Braden of Warren, where labor made its stand on Rickenbackerism clear to the community.

## Japanese Fear New Air Raids

Japanese newspapers are concerned over the possibility of Allied air raids on Japan from China and are constantly warning the Japanese people to "take all precautions," a German Transocean news agency broadcast reported from Tokyo yesterday, according to United Press.

The agency quoted the newspaper Asahi as saying that 300 planes of the American and Chinese air forces were based in southeast China within bombing distance of Japan, and that the air fields there were being developed with supplies from the United States reaching China through India.

Ammunition and gasoline also are reaching unoccupied China over the northwestern route of supply from Russia, along which 17 airdromes have been established, the broadcast said.

Other delegates will include students and war-production workers from the industrial centers, who will urge week-end shock brigades later in the year during the height of the harvesting season. The New York YCL at this convention will also begin a drive to enlist youth in "non-essential" industries to enroll as farm labor volunteers.

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## NAACP Backs New Anti-Poll Tax Measure

Anti-poll tax committees should be set up at once in every Congressional district in the United States, to bring pressure for a vote within 60 days on the new Anti-Poll Tax Bill, H.R. 7, the International Labor Defense urged yesterday.

At the same time, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has approved the new bill, which is being jointly sponsored by Congressmen Marcantonio, Gavan and Baldwin of New York, Dawson of Illinois, Magnuson of Washington and Bender of Ohio. The NAACP stated this week that it will continue to urge Negroes in voting states to contact their Congressmen with a view to mobilizing all possible pressure behind the measure.

In order to bring the new coalition Anti-Poll Tax Bill to a vote before the House, 218 signatures of United States Representatives must be obtained to House Petition No. 2. "The strong coalition of representatives in the House," ILD spokesmen stated yesterday, "and the unanimous backing given to the new measure by the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax, make it possible now to conduct a whirlwind campaign to secure 218 Congressional signatures in 60 days."

Anti-Poll Tax committees must be set up, however, they warned, "not only that local organizations pass resolutions, but that each individual member takes action as a voter, to see to it that his own Congressman signs Petition No. 2."

## Japanese Loot China of Metal

CHUNGKING, March 13 (Delayed UP). — A recent arrival from Nanking said today that the Japanese there have commenced a huge drive to collect silver and copper coins and other metal for scrap which will "practically sweep central China clean of native capital and resources."

Japanese firms were said to be participating in the "systematic looting" in cooperation with puppet government banks. The Chinese also are forced to accept Japanese military yen or puppet bank notes in exchange for old silver currency, the traveler said.

## Nazi Drop Few Bombs on Britain

LONDON, March 14 (UP). — The text of a joint Air and Home Security Ministry communique:

Last night there was a little enemy activity over southeast England. Bombs were dropped in coastal areas, causing some damage and a small number of casualties.

## Ceilings Set On 7 Vegetables

New temporary price ceilings on seven fresh vegetables at the seller level go into effect today as part of OPA's drive to crack down on black market operations in the fresh vegetable field.

The local regional OPA yesterday okayed new ceilings at which terminal market receivers can sell to wholesalers and retailers. These ceilings apply to fresh lettuce, spinach, carrots, green peas, snap beans, tomatoes and cabbage.

OPA characterized the action as a method "to restore normal distribution." The fresh vegetable market has been seriously hit by man-made shortages ever since OPA placed seven items under retail ceiling prices. Traders are diverting business to markets with the highest ceiling prices. This has also happened in the distribution of potatoes.

BROWN APPEALS  
OPA chief Prentiss Brown in Washington continued yesterday to appeal to Americans to avoid rushing to buy meat, cheese and fats which will be rationed beginning March 29. Brown felt confident that rationing would eliminate black markets.

"In one respect the public will join its government in rejecting over the blow that meat rationing will mean to the black market," he said. "The controls that rationing will bring about over the supply and demand will greatly increase the difficulty of illicit operations in meat."

The advent of retail dollar and cent ceilings on pork and beef, the forthcoming slaughter permit system of the Agriculture Department and the vigorous enforcement policy, now being felt by illegitimate operators in the form of heavy fines and jail sentences, he said, would put the flint to black markets.

The entire price ceiling program was under attack yesterday from trade associations which emboldened by the success of the "farm bloc" are attacking OPA's control of prices.

## Morgan Funeral Here Tomorrow

(By United Press)  
Funeral services for J. P. Morgan, 75-year-old internationally known financier who died Saturday in Boca Grande, Fla., will be held at 10 A.M. EWT, Tuesday in St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church, Shuysman Square. The body will arrive at Pennsylvania Station Monday at 5:30 A.M. and will be taken to the Morgan library.

A spokesman said that friends and business associates of the financier would be admitted to the church services but that the body would not lie in state nor would any one be permitted to view it. It will be cremated.

## Women Labor Leaders Join IWO

Prominent women labor leaders are joining, endorsing and supporting the International Workers Order, anti-fascist labor fraternity at 80 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Faye Stephenson's statement is the latest of numerous tributes received, calling attention to the role of IWO women union builders and victory pace setters all over the country. Miss Stephenson is national president of the CIO Women's Auxiliaries. Her endorsement immediately follows the one received from Grace Hutchins, noted labor writer who joined the IWO in the midst of their March Women's Month campaign to recruit thousands more progressive women.

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## TEACHERS' UNION SAYS:

## Coudert Probe Destroys Confidence in Schools

## Shows How Quiz Bleeds Schools

The Coudert Committee is "calculated to destroy public confidence in the free public schools," the Teachers Union of City of New York reiterated today in answer to the Committee's technical report presented to the State Legislature March 7.

The technical report doesn't change the subversive aim of the committee, that is, to disrupt national unity in the school system, the Union held, as it announced that it would press for the "end of this type of investigation which is against the people's interests."

In an analysis of the technical report, the Union declared that real estate interests benefited most by its proposals and that it failed to recognize the role that schools must play in a nation at war with fascism.

"To the real estate boys in New York, Senator Coudert promises relief to the tune of \$52,000,000. To the large tax payers of the State he promises untold relief by coming out flatly against a revision upward of the Friedman formula for state aid to free public schools."

WHAT FORMULA MEANS

The Friedman formula was established in 1926 and educators have agreed that the time has come for a revision to make possible expansion of educational services, the union said.

"The state which has unlimited tax powers is the best unit of government to provide the necessary funds for educational needs. By coming out against the modification of the Friedman formula, the Coudert Committee proposes to squeeze education between the two millions of an inadequate State formula and declining City support."

The Committee's suggestion to reduce credits required for high school graduation from 19 to 16.5 points is an attempt, the Union explained, to "improverish the education curriculum."

The proposal to reduce overcrowding in the classes is merely a demagogic dodge for reducing "the number of subjects which children shall be taught and thus release teachers so that they can reduce class size."

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"We know that this term in no way indicates real conditions. At present, in the school system, the average class size is 32 to 33, and yet we have thousands of classes with more than 40 children."

The reason for this, "is that many teachers are taken out of classrooms and are assigned to administrative duties. Yet when average class size is computed these teachers are counted as real teachers, thus reducing the average class size."

In summing up, the union declared, "Our basic estimate of the Coudert Committee is today the same as it was in 1940."

WHAT IT AIMS AT

"At that time, the New York Teachers Union stated, 'The proposed investigation is calculated to destroy public confidence in the free public schools and to effectuate drastic budget reductions.' It has spent a total of \$300,000. The conclusion that it has created has provided a smokescreen behind which the hatchet men of the State have operated effectively in the past three years to reduce the education budget in the State by \$30,000,000."

It is the obligation, therefore, the Union insisted that "every good citizen who has confidence in the democratic institutions of America to call upon Governor Dewey and the leaders of the State Legislature to put an end to this type of investigation which is against the people's interests."

Issuing a call for an emergency meeting to be held at the Friday, March 19 at 4 P. M., the Union urged that all win the war teachers and parents wire the governor, Hon. Thomas W. Wallace, Lieut. Governor; Hon. Joe R. Hanley and Hon. John J. Dunnigan, majority and minority leaders of the Senate, Hon. Oswald D. Heck, speaker of the Assembly, Hon. Irving M. Ives and Hon. Irwin Steingut, majority and minority leaders of the Assembly, and your own Assemblyman and Senator urging no further funds be appropriated for the continuation of the Rapp-Coudert Committee.

The meeting will deal with an analysis of the technical report stressing its immediate dangers to the schools.

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## 700 Unionists Honor Foster On Birthday

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union movement for many years was organizing the unorganized.

"Now 13,000,000 workers are organized."

"The central task today is mobilizing this army of workers and their families politically."

The CIO, AFL and railroad unions must join in united labor action to win the war. They must form joint labor committees for this purpose.

Labor MUST speed this unity movement, emphasized Foster.

"It must unite in a hurry," he said. The veteran Communist leader pointed to the "dangerous offensive of reaction on the radio, in the press and in the national Congress."

The war is being sabotaged by isolationists, profiteers, labor hater, open shoppers, poll taxers, outright defeatists and friends of Hitler. They are seeking to form an anti-war bloc, he declared.

These enemies aim to reduce the President's necessary war powers. Their measures would raise profits, freeze wages, bring on inflation, weaken the Army and split national unity.

They seek to break United Nations solidarity as well.

Browder sharply indicted William C. Bullitt's hostile speech against the Soviet Union in Philadelphia last week.

In this hostile speech, said Browder, Bullitt urged America in substance to hold up the second front.

Bullitt, said Browder, fears the collapse of Hitler.

Vice President Wallace, on the other hand, warned against "double-crossing" the Soviet Union, went on Browder. Such double dealing, Wallace said, would bring a third world war.

"I would add that it would bring something more serious and immediate," pointed out Browder.

WALLACE WEAKENS

Browder then added that Wallace himself showed in this speech that he had weakened under pressure of the Copperheads since his speech of last May.

Gone in Wallace's last speech was the inspiring theme of the Century of the Common Man. Instead there were muddled abstraction.

Browder gave sharp attention to Bullitt's friend, Admiral Standley, who scoffed at the second front recently and said:

"The Soviet Union will forgive us our Bullitts and Standleys if we make good our pledge for a second front."

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legislation subsequent to June 22, 1940, whether it was issued freely by government departments or under foreign dictation, had no legal validity. It can only be considered null and void, drawn against the interests of the French people.

"We must draw conclusions from this situation."

"We repudiate the tyranny imposed upon the French people."

"Measures already have been taken—and others will follow—with the purpose of re-establishing a united nation."

The 74-year-old soldier, a hero in two World Wars, had worked throughout Saturday until 11:30 P. M. to complete his speech, announced days in advance and possibly the most important since he assumed leadership.

He addressed the Alsace-Lorraine Society, and in doing so promised the restoration of those provinces, now incorporated into Germany, to the French Republic.

Giraud revealed that American arms were already on the way from the United States to his 300,000 fighting men in Africa.

He spoke movingly of the men and women who are resisting the Germans in France, facing death bravely, "soldiers without uniforms," and said that France had never been defeated spiritually.

Giraud said that he was a trustee and servant of France, not a master. In addition to his sweeping repudiation of all Vichy-German laws and decrees, he announced that measures already were being taken to restore municipal assemblies and general councils in French Africa.

Five Filers Die In Tampa Crash

TAMPA, Fla., March 14 (UP)—Five fliers were killed yesterday when an Army medium bomber from MacDill Field crashed into Tampa Bay, officials announced tonight.

The dead were listed as 1st Lieut. Alan M. Okell, Cranford, N. J., the pilot; 1st Lieut. Francis P. Martin, Rockaway Beach, Mo., the co-pilot; 2nd Lieut. Roy A. Skow, Omaha, Neb.; Staff Sgt. Archie E. Dively, Claysburg, Pa., and Sgt. Reginald R. Reynolds, Leuders, Tex.

Officials said the plane was making a routine flight. No other details were released.

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## Out Around Kings Highway



"Want a lift," say these boys good-naturedly to a Kings Highway crowd that has been waiting a half-hour for a bus. The boys, however, could get no customers for a perilous handlebar ride. And even if the commuters took a chance, there are not enough bicycles in town to solve the transit problem. A staggered work-hour plan would, it is believed, relieve the jams.

## Cacchione Plan for Staggered Hours Would Ease Transit Jam

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traffic is immediately necessary.

A little intelligent voluntary industrial planning of work hours, as proposed by the Brooklyn Councilman and the ODT is all that is needed to make riding to and from work a pleasure and not an ordeal endangering morale, health, life and limb.

But the ODT, the City Council and the City Administration, while performing patriotic war service in other fields, have failed to take vigorous public action to unjam the jammed subways.

SUBWAY FACTS

Here's what has happened to city transportation since 1941, according to official figures:

192,811,940 passengers rode on all lines (bus, trolley and subway) in January, 1941.

200,809,488 passengers rode all

lines in January, 1942.

210,058,811 passengers rode all lines in January, 1943.

This represents an increase of eight and one-half per cent or 17,246,671 passengers carried on city lines a month over the 1941 figure. And there are no more transit facilities available.

The trolley lines, excluding the South Brooklyn lines, now carry 2,853,068 more passengers a month than they did in 1941, according to January Board of Transportation figures.

JAMS TO NAVY YARD

South Brooklyn trolleys, which serve the Brooklyn Navy Yard, have increased its traffic load 305,814 a month since the war began.

Independent Subway figures are up 6,423,923; BMT figures are up 3,502,654; only IRT figures dropped during the period, being cut 305,814.

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## Archbishop in North Africa, Visits Troops

SOMEWHERE IN FRENCH NORTH AFRICA, March 14 (UP).

Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York, addressing American soldiers and sailors here, today affirmed that the United States has no territorial designs on other countries and intends no harm to the common people of the Axis nations.

(The Archbishop's address was relayed by short-wave radio to the United States and rebroadcast during the day over nation-wide hookups.)

"Our war aims and our peace aims are no secret," the Archbishop said. "They have been stated again and again with the utmost clarity and sincerity. On Lincoln's Birthday our President reaffirmed them and said: 'In our uncompromising policy we mean no harm to the common people of the Axis nations.'"

"That imperialism is not an American war or peace aim is known to the Allies, the Axis and all the world," the Archbishop said. America's aims represent the hopes of all freedom-loving peoples and are in accord with Christian teachings.

VICTORY FIRST

"With you, first things come first and, therefore, you know that victory must come before the fruits of victory," the Archbishop told the American fighting men. "Those who attempt to force the ripening of the fruits, or snatch them prematurely, may imperil the victory itself."

"Never before in our history," he continued, "have we Americans been more fervently united, not only in the love of our country but also in appreciation of it; in our faith and in our destiny and in our determination to do our utmost for her service."

The Archbishop told the men that he considered the days spent with them on the North African front "among the most sacred of my life."

"In these solemn circumstances, as modern crusaders, you are working and fighting, living and dying to preserve our nation, our ideals and our liberties," he said. "I have been thrilled beyond expression to observe the spirit of high resolve with which you are animated and the unity of purpose that is everywhere manifest among you."

"Your destiny is not alone to live protected under the folds of the Star Spangled Banner, but your vocation is something infinitely more noble and more responsible, for you are writing again its immortal stanzas—'then conquer we must, for our cause it is just. And this be our motto, in God is our trust.'"

"You are the sacred instruments of the triumph of our cause; you are the example to Americans in the homeland not alone in the firm belief in the justice of our struggle, because we were treacherously plotted against and attacked by a combination of aggressor nations, but you are also an example to your fellow Americans in your supreme faith in victory."

cooperation with the military, business, labor and consumer, work out plans for the immediate voluntary staggering of work hours to relieve congestion on our city subways, buses and trolleys."

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## Labor Unity Needed to Kill Hobbs Bill

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rather than concentrating on outright defeat.

This strategy came out in the open today with an announcement by AFL President William Green that the AFL is sponsoring an amendment to the Hobbs bill which will be offered by Rep. Emanuel Celler of New York.

The AFL amendment states that activities of union members and labor organizations which are recognized as legal by Congress in the Clayton Act, the Norris-LaGuardia Act, the Railway Labor Act and the Wagner Act will be exempt under the Hobbs bill.

RACKETEERING COVERED

"The Supreme Court has held that there are ample provisions in federal and state laws at present to cover racketeering if they are enforced," Green said.

"We agree fully with this view, however, the American Federation of Labor refuses to be placed in the false position of opposing a new law to accomplish the same. We will support the Hobbs bill if it is properly amended."

Green said that "If Rep. Hobbs is sincere in seeking to protect legal trade union activities, there is no logical reason why he should not support the Celler amendment."

It is true that the Celler amendment would put Congressmen who deny that the Hobbs bill is aimed at the legislative activities of the labor movement on the spot, and pull some of the teeth of the anti-labor measure.

But some CIO leaders are disturbed by the whole strategy of the AFL in promoting this amendment. They are also disturbed by Green's statement that outright opposition to the Hobbs bill would put the AFL in a "false position."

NO CONSULTATION

It is a fact that the AFL acted on its own in sponsoring this amendment, and did not consult with CIO legislative representatives. Anti-labor Congressmen on Capitol Hill have for some time been trying to split the labor movement on the Hobbs bill.

For example, there was an "unsuccessful effort to get the Railroad Brotherhoods to drop their opposition by promising them a special amendment covering their activities."

CIO legislative representatives are expected to meet tomorrow to consider their position on the Celler amendment and as well as general strategy to lick the Hobbs bill.

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# 3,617 Gold Stars --- And What They Mean

By Dorothy Loeb

James David Glendon, Jr., is seven months old, too young to understand what a little flag with a gold star means. He never saw his dad, one of 3,617 merchant seamen lost at sea delivering the goods to smash Hitler.

But he'll grow up to learn the meaning of the gold star from his mother, one of scores of the wives, mothers, and sisters of seamen heroes honored yesterday at memorial ceremonies by the National Maritime Union and its auxiliary.

More than 60 women, many of them in mourning, stepped up to receive the alken gold star flags, presented on behalf of the union by Joseph Curran, president. There were Negro and white among them, Irish and Jewish, native and foreign-born, all brought together by the heroism of their men and by a common determination to keep on fighting, though death has struck.

## SADNESS—AND PRIDE

With them, participating in the ceremonies, were several hundred women whose husbands and sons are now at sea.

There was much more than sadness to the memorial. Not tears, but pride in the achievements of the men, dedication to continuing the work they started, and a consciousness of the meaning of their sacrifice, marked the meeting.

Knowledge of the courage and the faith of the womenfolk at home gives men the spirit that keeps them fighting till victory is won. Lieutenant R. E. Fowler of the U. S. Coast Guard told those gathered.

"I know the spirit of you men," he said. "They've taken the responsibility of delivering the goods. Now well they've done it is a matter of record. They have written a proud page in American history, a proud page in the history of American labor—and never let anyone tell you that American labor isn't doing a job."

"Your belief in your man, your courage to sacrifice, makes for his greater strength. You know why he was doing it, and he knows that you'll carry on where he left off until the fight has been won."

Other speakers included Craig Vincent, regional director of the War Shipping Administration; Dorothy Funn of the Negro Labor Victory Committee; Janet Van Tyne of the Women's Division, United Seamen's Service; Mrs. Pave Stephenson, president of CIO Women's Auxiliaries and the Rev. Ben A. Richardson of Abyssinian Baptist Church. Sylvia McCarthy, president of the NMU Auxiliary, presided.

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## ROLL OF DISHONOR

### Idaho, Arkansas First to Pass O'Daniel's Anti-Labor Bills

(By Federal Press)

The legislature of Arkansas and Idaho have the dubious honor of being the first to pass anti-labor legislation pushed in 44 state legislatures by the fascist Christian American Association, a Federated Press survey March 12 revealed.

The Arkansas house of representatives and senate approved a measure, based on the Texas so-called anti-violent law of Sen. W. Lee (Pappy) O'Daniel (D), who has been on a speaking tour of legislatures for the Christian Americans. Idaho has passed the prototype of the fascist legislation. Its new law amounts to registration of labor unions, requiring them to file reports of income and expenditures with the state.

United AFL, CIO and railroad union opposition has slowed the progress of the Christian American drive in some legislatures.

**KILLED IN MISSOURI**  
In Missouri, a united labor front succeeded in killing an anti-picketing bill in the house labor committee. At the same time however the committee killed a labor-sponsored bill which would have set up stand-

## CIO Says Save Child Labor Laws

The New York CIO today called upon Governor Dewey, on both Republican and Democratic leaders of the State Legislature and all New York City Assemblymen and Senators to defeat the Todd-Murray Bill which would amend the War Emergency Dispensation Act to permit employment of children under 16 years of age and women after midnight in non-war industries.

## ACW Not to Ask Pay Rise in New Contract

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers yesterday made public its decision not to ask for a general wage increase for 125,000 workers in the men's and boys' clothing industry throughout the country when current agreements are renewed May 1 and May 15. However, the union reserved the right to request an increase any time during the coming year.

The decision was taken following a two-day meeting of the Amalgamated general executive board here last Thursday and Friday with Sidney Hillman, president, in the chair.

It was concurred in by representatives of all the principal clothing markets who attended the sessions.

Expressing whole-hearted support of the seven-point program advocated by President Roosevelt for the complete stabilization of our national economy, the Amalgamated decision declared:

"At a meeting in New York City on March 11, the General Executive Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers gave careful consideration to the question of the union's wage policy in the men's and boys' clothing industry for the coming period. Although the Board took note of the fact that there has been a substantial rise in living costs since the general wage increase which was secured last May, the Board concluded that no request for a general wage increase in the men's and boys' clothing industry should be made at this time."

### SEVEN-POINT PROGRAM

"The Board expressed its whole-hearted support of the seven-point program advocated by President Roosevelt for the complete stabilization of our national economy, and pledged the unstinting effort of the organization to assist in effectuating all the points of that program."

"Recognizing the uncertainties inherent in the present national economic situation in the men's and boys' clothing industry, the Board instructed the general officers to advise each men's and boys' clothing manufacturer under contract with the union of the fact that the union reserves its right, under these collective bargaining agreements, to make a request for a general wage increase throughout the industry during the coming year."

"A letter setting forth the foregoing wage policy adopted by the Board and the reservation of the union's right to request a general wage increase hereafter is being transmitted to each men's and boys' clothing manufacturer under contract with the union."

### SURVEY OF UNIONS

CIO headquarters announced that its Executive Board had acted after a careful study of the proposed legislation by its Legislative Committee, a survey which showed all unions opposed to suspension of protective labor measures for women and children in non-war industries.

"It is not a single case where need has been shown in an essential war industry for longer hours or far need of employment of boys and girls of 16 or 17 has labor hesitated to join with management to obtain such dispensation from the protective laws of the state which labor struggled for many years to obtain," Mr. Mills declared in reporting on the CIO Board's action.

"Organized labor has been and will continue to be perfectly willing and ready to undertake any obligation or make any sacrifice for speeding of war production and victory. We were told in Albany that one of the reasons for the Todd-Murray Bill is because there is a shortage of pin boys in bowling alleys after midnight. We'll be darned if you'll get labor to agree to lift the laws against employment of children and women after midnight for the benefit of bowling alleys or any other non-essential industry."

## Red Cross Rally to Hear Mrs. Roosevelt

A "Red Cross at War" rally, will be held tonight for the Red Cross volunteer workers, at Madison Square Garden, at which Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Philip Murray, president of the CIO, and William Green, president of AFL, will speak.

Lieut. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, just returned from active service in Egypt and Barney Ross of the fighting Marines of Guadalcanal will be on hand with their stories and impressions of America's fighting front.

A dramatic spectacle produced by John Golden and G. S. Eysell will be presented to the large audience, more than a third of which will be composed of union men and women. Many unions have taken large blocks of tickets to be distributed among their membership, in their support of the campaign currently being conducted by the Red Cross for its war fund.

Tickets may be obtained from the Labor Division of the 1943 Red Cross War Fund, 120 W. 42nd St.

## U. S. Bombs Score on Bizerte



American bombs dropped from Flying Fortresses, blew up military installations in Axis-held Bizerte. The U. S. bombers blasted oil tanks and other objectives. (Official U. S. Army Air Force Photo.)

### Correction

There were some unfortunate typographical errors in one section of the dispatch in Saturday's Daily Worker from Washington on the Supreme Court hearing in the William Schneiderman case. The section should have read as follows:

"It is a significant fact that the only two witnesses to identify the government's exhibit as an allegedly representing the point of view of the Communist Party, were Captain William (Red) Hynes of the Los Angeles Police red squad and M. G. Humphries."

"Both were among the star witnesses against Harry Bridges, West Coast maritime leader."

## NMU Names Miss Kyle to Personnel Post

The National Maritime Union yesterday announced the appointment of Constance Kyle to the post of National Director of Personnel Service.

Miss Kyle, who is well-known in the social service field, will direct the union's division dealing with families of men who have been lost at sea and with the problems of seamen and their families caused by the war.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin and the Smith College School for Social Work, Miss Kyle resigned a position with the Community Service Society, one of the nation's oldest family welfare organizations, to assume her present position. She was previously associated with the Rockefeller Teaching Research project of the University of Illinois Medical School and spent two years in Spain during the Civil War representing the American Committee aiding Spanish children and refugees.

In announcing the appointment, Joseph Curran, NMU president, said:

"We are happy to have Miss Kyle associated with the National Maritime Union. The task of providing assistance to the families of seamen who are deprived of their company ashore for many months at a time is a pressing one."

"Miss Kyle's training and experience enables her to give expert advice and assistance to the families of seamen awaiting repatriation, to the men themselves, and to their dependents in the event they lose their lives delivering the weapons of war to the far corners of the world."

## Need 6 Million Women for War Industry

WASHINGTON, March 14 (UP).—Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt estimated tonight that 6,000,000 women will be employed in war industries by the end of 1943 and recommended staggered hours in armament plants to give them time to shop.

He told a (NBC) radio audience that a woman is a better worker when freed from worry about "the countless errands connected with running a home" and that more time to plan meals and buy food is necessary under rationing regulations.

Calling on non-working women to do their shopping when "factory workers are inside the plant," he also suggested that such housewives be really neighborly and shop for the war workers.

Other needs, he said, are: "Proper rest periods and adequate eating facilities in many war plants. Adequate school lunches so that mothers at the machines know their children are well-fed in the middle of the day."

"Daytime care for small children with good after-school programs." He said his agency anticipates a total working force of women—in all types of occupations—of 18,000,000 by the end of this year.

## Save Bridges, Says Councilman

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SEATTLE, March 14.—Deportation of Harry Bridges would be a "colossal mistake," it was declared here today by David Levine, chairman of the finance committee of the Seattle city council and a veteran member of the American Federation of Labor.

DAVID LEVINE



Seattle City Councilman

## Soviet Cattle Raising Grows

MOSCOW, March 14 (ICN).—Despite wartime difficulties on the collective farms, cattle raising in the Soviet Union continues to develop steadily.

In Kazakhstan, for instance, the number of heads of cattle increased by 21 per cent over a year ago; pigs by 14 per cent, and sheep and goats by 17 per cent.

On the Chuvash collective farms, cattle increased by 40 per cent, pigs by 29 per cent and sheep and goats by 74 per cent.

## E. W. Bliss 5 to 8 Times Worse Than Mergenthaler

## Absenteeism in 2 N.Y. War Plants

By Dorothy Loeb

(This is the sixth of a series on the nature and problems of absenteeism.)

Every minute that's lost to production because a worker's away from his job means that much less ammunition to use against the Axis. That's why it's indispensable to find out what causes absenteeism and to get going eliminating those causes.

Two New York war plants, Mergenthaler and E. W. Bliss, both working on important contracts, present an illuminating contrast that tells plenty.

Mergenthaler, which employs approximately 2,300, has an absentee rate of 1 1/2 per cent, which challenges any peace-time record you can produce.

E. W. Bliss, which employs about 3,300, has an absentee rate which runs from eight to 12 per cent, an alarmingly high figure.

### THE CONTRAST

Both are cases of rapid expansion. Both are employing a growing number of women, considered more vulnerable to absenteeism than men. But one has an absentee rate that's almost negligible and the other has a rate that signals an emergency.

Albert Stokus, business agent of Local 457, United Electrical, Radio

and Machine Workers, CIO, bargaining agent at both shops, says labor-management relations explain why. They're good at Mergenthaler; poor at E. W. Bliss.

At both shops, union stewards keep their eye on absenteeism and don't just rely on appeals to get people to come in regularly and on time. They investigate to see what makes them stay out, then make concrete proposals on the basis of their investigations.

A few facts about Mergenthaler: Parkings problems hampered punctuality. Management worked out special labels so police could tell defense workers' cars from others. They bought a \$40,000 parking lot. Poor lighting caused eyestrain on night shifts. Management bought fluorescent lights.

**TURNOVER PROBLEM**  
Turnover—people who take a job, then quit and go somewhere else—is a big factor in absenteeism nearly everywhere.

Mergenthaler holds turnover down to 12 per cent because its average rate of pay is 92 cents an hour and grievances are promptly settled, Stokus explains.

At E. W. Bliss, the situation is just about the reverse, Stokus says. Management is callous to workers' grievances on every score.

Repeated union offers for joint meetings to investigate and curb absenteeism have all been rejected.

Many employees take time off to shop for other jobs. Turnover runs to 40 or 50 per cent. They're encouraged to do so by persistent management refusal to act on individual wage adjustments, 200 of which are now pending before the War Labor Board although the law states clearly—and everybody knows it—that such approval is not necessary.

Before the 200 pending cases went to the board, another 250 cases were handled by management in just the same way.

**UNDERMINES CONFIDENCE**  
Management undermines workers' confidence that presence on the job every day every hour is vital to win the war production by its attitude on legal holidays.

When there's a holiday which the union contract or the President's executive order permits operations at straight time, the plant works. When it's an overtime day, the plant closes down.

Over July 4, the plant closed down for three days, despite protests from the workers. The same thing happened over Labor Day.

Management refused to work out a planned vacation schedule for workers putting in 10 and 11 hour days six and seven days a week. If anyone wanted to take a vacation, that was up to him, officials said, but they declined cooperation with the union on a program that

would guarantee uninterrupted output.

At both Mergenthaler and Bliss, Local 475 uses union influence to heighten worker consciousness of production responsibilities. As fast as new workers come into the shops, veteran unionists approach them, try to make them see why they should regard the job as a permanent assignment and fight off the pull to keep looking for something better.

**BALKS UNION**  
E. W. Bliss recently ruled that union committeemen cannot even enter two particular departments, where there are almost exclusively new workers employed. This is the section of the personnel where greatest turnover and absenteeism exists.

Is there such a thing as workers who willfully remain away from their production posts? Stokus says there are some but their number is negligible and it's held down to nearly zero wherever management relations make it possible for joint corrective measures to be initiated.

At Bliss, Local 475 is trying to offset the obstacles caused by management by fighting in every government agency that's open to it for the correction of economic grievances while using all its old-timers to try and bring win-the-war education to the new comers.

## Milwaukee CIO Blasts Standley

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Wisc., March 14.—The Milwaukee Industrial Union Council, CIO, meeting here yesterday, sharply rebuked Admiral Standley for his "cheap" and "unworthy" attack on the Soviet Government, and added the voice of Milwaukee production workers to the protest of millions of other American workers.

## 21 Unions Join Plea for Okla. Case Victims

Action on the Oklahoma Criminal Syndicalism cases was reported by the International Labor Defense this week from 21 union locals and joint bodies.

Calling attention to the attempt by John Eberle, retired county prosecutor of Oklahoma City to upset the appeals verdict reversing convictions of Eli Jaffe, Alan Shaw, and Mrs. Ina Wood, the New York Industrial Union Council representing 500,000 workers, urged in a resolution and a letter to Mac Q. Williamson, attorney general of the state, that all such attempts be dropped.

George Kleinman, educational director of the Fur Workers International, in a letter to all local unions pointed to the danger inherent in the appeals court's failure to render a decision in the Robert Wood case. All locals were urged to wire at once to Williamson, urging him to plead error before the Criminal Court of Appeals in the Robert Wood case.

"The case is particularly important to the trade union movement," Mr. Kleinman said "since the criminal syndicalism laws of Oklahoma and other states have been used many times to smash the trade union movement and to defeat the efforts of the unorganized workers to organize especially in the South. Moreover, the reactionary forces in the State of Oklahoma who were behind this prosecution are identical with the so-called 'grass roots' movement which the poll taxers have cooked up artificially as a pressure group against all progressive legislation and against the federal administration."

Other unions taking action included: Millinery Workers Local 40, San Francisco; Furniture, Local 92, Newark, N. J.; Post Office Clerks, Local 16, New York; Fur Dressers and Dyers Local 140, Newark, N. J.; United Electrical Local 90, Westinghouse Local, East Pittsburgh, Pa.; and District Council Local 4, Newark; Carpenters' Local 1710, Mill Valley, Calif.; ACA Local 30, San Francisco; Leather Workers Local 206, Quakertown, Pa.; Western Mechanics Local 700, Los Angeles; Furriers Joint Council, N. Y.; St. Joseph County IUC, South Bend, Indiana; Steel Workers Local 1256, Duquesne, Pa.; Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Stockton, Calif.; Hotel and Restaurant Local 665, Minneapolis, Minn.; Lorain County IUC, Ohio; Cleveland branch of the National Maritime Union; Bakery and Confectionery Local 17, Astoria, L. I.; Ship Sealers Union Auxiliary, Seattle.

## British Repel Nazi Thrust

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Alrobras executed strafing missions.

A direct hit was scored on one Mareh pill box, a number of anti-aircraft guns were silenced and motor transport was damaged.

On one sweep, 10 to 15 Italian tanks and two armored cars were attacked on the road 25 miles southwest of Sidi Bou Zid, official dispatches said, revealing that the enemy has not entirely withdrawn from the central Tunisian plains area above Gafsa.

Spitfires and Warhawks engaged a large formation of Messerschmitt 109's and Italian Macchi fighters in a running fight and downed four Messerschmitts and damaged a

number of other enemy craft. The Allies lost 10 planes in all operations.

Allied planes raided the city of Ragusa in southern Sicily on Saturday, an Italian communique said Sunday.

The communique was broadcast by the Rome radio and recorded by the United Press in New York.

## New Soviet Industries Up Power Demand

MOSCOW, March 14 (ICN).—The distribution of evacuated enterprises and the rapid growth of industry in the Soviet East have brought a demand for more electric power.

New power stations were built and old ones expanded in the Urals, Siberia, Altai, the Volga region, in the Central Asian Republics and in the Far East. They supply high tension power to hundreds of plants, factories and mines.

In Uzbekistan alone hydro-electric power at the end of 1942 increased half again as much as in 1940. Five new hydro-electric stations have been started, one of them the Parkhad station on the Syrdarya River.

Construction of the Parkhad hydro-electric station began on Feb. 10, 1943, on the initiative of the people of Uzbekistan, and is expected to be completed in less than two years. It will be the third largest station in the USSR after the Dnieper and Rybinsk hydro-electric stations. The waters of the canal will irrigate a vast stretch of Golek-naya Desert and will be one of the world's longest.

As has been done in the Soviet Union before, the Parkhad station will be in the main built by collective farmers in their free time from work in the fields. More than 65,000 collective farmers are now engaged in the construction of the new hydro-electric station, among them many thousands who were builders of the great Perghana Canal.



## Time for Action!

The major leagues start spring training today in NORTHERN camps. From Lakewood to Bear Mountain to French Lick, Indiana and Wilmington, Delaware, the 16 clubs in the big time will start to lumber up—will be ready for the second war-time baseball season.

The clubs start training with skeleton rosters. Many stars are in armed forces, many are in war plants—others are on ranches and farms. Men are needed—men of major league caliber—for the fans will not tolerate sub par ball this year.

These men must be had from the ranks of the Negro players—dozens of whom are still available for the majors.

The fans must refreshen the campaign to get these men into major leagues. The start of spring training should serve as an impetus to all progressives, all trade unionists.

Let 'em roll from all over the country. SIGN UP NEGRO STARS.

Here is where the Dodgers, Yanks and Giants will be... Wire, write, visit...

MR. BRANCH RICKEY,  
BROOKLYN DODGERS,  
BEAR MOUNTAIN, NEW YORK.

MR. HORACE STONEHAM,  
NEW YORK GIANTS,  
LAKEWOOD, NEW JERSEY.

MR. ED BARROW,  
NEW YORK YANKEES,  
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY.

### Batter's Delight:

## Majors Vote to Restore 'Jack Rabbit' Ball

CHICAGO, March 14 (UP).—Major league hitters today envisioned improved batting averages after a three-man committee voted to put the "jack rabbit" back into the standard baseball.

Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis, William Harbridge, President of the American League, and Warren Giers, General Manager of the Cincinnati Reds, voted to adopt as the majors' standard ball for 1943 one which meets the same specifications as that used by the big leagues for the 1939 campaign.

Since 1939 was an outstanding year from a slugging standpoint, the committee's decision means good news to the hitters and furnishes another source of worry for the pitchers.

The type of ball used by the majors became the subject of concern last season when war circumstances made it impossible to obtain materials used previously by the manufacturers. Hitting slumped sharply and players complained the ball had been deadened. A study of the problem was made during the majors' joint meeting here in December and then additional experiments ordered. Results of these experiments then were submitted to the committee and today's decision followed.

The ball adopted will have a granulated cork center. Around it will be two layers of balata rubber. This center will not be as lively as the one formerly used when top-grade cork and rubber were available, but the manufacturers have agreed to increase the resiliency by an improved method of winding the

yarn and a different cover.

The manufacturers have agreed to start deliveries on the new ball in limited quantities within 10 days and a complete supply will be available by the time the season opens.

Clubs which have a supply of the 1942 balls in stock will be permitted to exchange them for the new ball. The new ball will be used exclusively once the regular league seasons start.

The American League generally has been recognized as the "hitters' league." The slugging slump in the junior circuit since 1939 indicates that the ball had lost some of its "pop."

American League clubs had a composite batting average of .279 for the 1939 season. It fell to .271 in 1940, to .266 in 1941 and to .257 last season.

Home run production likewise was down sharply. American League sluggers hit 796 homers in 1939 as against only 533 last season. The 1942 campaign was the first one since 1930 in which American League hit fewer home runs than National League players.

The performances of top hitters likewise was off. The American League had 18 players to hit 300 or better in 1939 as against only seven in the charmed circle last season.

### NEW MASSES

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Joseph Reed

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### the Roundup

The Brooklyn Dodgers today filled in the final gap in their 1943 infield with the announcement that regular third baseman Arky Vaughan had agreed to terms and would report for spring training early next month.

Difficulty in obtaining help to operate his California farm led Vaughan to announce earlier that he probably would not return to baseball this year. He informed the Dodgers, however, that he would now travel east with first baseman Dolph Camilli who is scheduled to report April 1 at Brooklyn's training camp at Bear Mountain, N. Y.

Capitulation of Vaughan gives the Dodgers a regular at every infield post. Camilli will play first, Billy Herman second, Manager Leo Durocher shortstop and Vaughan third.

Catcher Dee Moore, who compiled a .306 batting mark with New Orleans last season, has also come to terms, bringing to 23 the total of Dodgers signed.

Manager Bucky Harris announced today that the Philadelphia Phillies had obtained pitcher Charley Fuchs from the Detroit Tigers for the \$7,500 waiver price. Fuchs was credited with three wins and three losses at Detroit last season after he was recalled from Beaumont in the Texas League. He had a 3.49 earned run average with Buffalo in the International League in 1941.

The 1943 American League prospects of the St. Louis Browns received a stiff jolt today when regular shortstop Vernon Stephens revealed he had been reclassified 1-A by his draft board and expects to receive word of his induction "within a week."

If Stephens goes, he will be the third Browns' player to be lost within the space of two weeks. Outfielders Walt Judnick and Glen McQuillen were called a few days ago.

Rockie Charles Stevens, former high school teammate of Stephens who played with Toledo last year and was to report to the Browns in the spring, is scheduled to report for induction Thursday.

Johnny Mize, hard-hitting first baseman of the New York Giants, was ordered today to report March 24, at Jefferson Barracks for his physical examination prior to induction in the Army.

Mize, who is married but childless, was reclassified 1-A two weeks ago following his preliminary examination.

Mize will remain at his St. Louis home instead of reporting to the New York Giants for spring training pending the examination.

## Dixon Finally Matures Into Greatness in K. of C. Victory

By Nat Low

Winner of the Hunter Mile.  
Winner of the National AAU Mile.  
Winner of the K. of C. Columbian Mile.

—And undisputed mile king of the United States.

Folks, we give you Frank Dixon III, of New York University who mastered from the young sensation into the full grown mile ace of all American track stars with another "perfect race" at the K. of C. meet Saturday night at the Garden.

A race which was the final herald of the coming of age of the first great Negro distance runner in track history.

There may have been some slight doubts about it during the course of his hectic indoor season—but it was obvious from the beginning that sooner or later Dixon would take over—would be unbeatable. His race Saturday night in which he beat Gil Dodds in 4:09.6, his third major victory of the year, was the clincher, the final proof of his domination of the American mile scene.

Dixon ran another tactically "perfect race." There was no doubt about that. And there was never any doubt of his winning it after the fourth lap when Gil Dodds took the lead away from Earl Mitchell and Dixon, who had been in last place, immediately sprinted to a position at Dodds' heels where he remained until a lap and a half from the end.

It was a thrilling race with three definite phases—each one tense and important. The first phase came at the start when Don Burnham, who had beaten Dixon the week before, took the lead at the gun and the rest of the field of five strung out very closely behind him. On the second lap Mitchell took over the lead but Dodds and Dixon remained in fourth and fifth place.

This phase of the race was most dangerous to Dixon and Dodds because Mitchell was deliberately keeping the pace slow, hoping to keep the field apart. He pulled alongside Dodds on the straightaway then opened up a bit more and pulled ahead. Dodds, trying to regain the lead, let himself out still more but he could not possibly make it.

Dixon meanwhile was determined to open the gap. Tearing down the 50th street side, the gun went off for the last lap. Here Dixon proved conclusively that he possesses the last lap sprint which is so vital to a miler. While the crowd almost tore off the roof with a mighty roar, Dixon opened up his throttle at full speed. He tore around the bend like a bullet, Dodds struggling with twisted face to pull up.

He did it on. Running with



the lead to about three yards. On the last turn he gained another few feet and then on the straightaway to the tape he picked up another yard or so to break the tape as the capacity crowd of 15,000 thundered its ovation to him.

### What the Runners Said:

In the corridors underneath the Garden after the race, we spoke to Mitchell, Dodds and Burnham. We asked them about the race, asked them what they thought of Dixon.

Here are some of their words: "The tight-lipped, intense Dodds."

"I ran the race as I planned, but I just couldn't kick off Dixon. When he went out in front I had nothing left with which to catch him. He was just too strong."

"How would I rate him? Well, he's a mighty fine runner. I wouldn't say he was in the class with Greg Rice (the world's greatest distance runner) and Les MacMillen. I've run against them all. But this kid is just a freshman. There's really no telling how good he will be. He can be the best of them all yet..."

Leaning against a wall we found slender Earl Mitchell, completely exhausted, coughing and breathing in gasps.

"I was in the best of shape. Thought I was going to take it, but had nothing left when Dodds passed me..."

"Dixon? Oh, he's a magnificent runner, one of the best I've ever run against."

And later, in a dressing room, we spoke to tall, shy and blue-eyed Don Burnham of Dartmouth.

"Just wasn't lucky tonight, was it? ... I guess that Dixon is too good. He's won three races this season and that certainly makes him a champ. I wish I were in his boots, my what a future he has."

He's got almost everything—and what he didn't have at the beginning of the season he has now picked up... Oh boy, he's really got it all right..."

As for Dixon himself, the Negro runner was unassuming when we spoke to him.

"I ran as I had planned. I passed him with two laps to go because I was afraid of Mitchell and Burnham. I knew I could take Dodds, once I stayed with him, but was frankly worried about the sprint of Mitchell and Burnham..."

As it turned out they couldn't make it and that made things easier for me... I wanted to stay as close to 4:37 as possible... Feel good to win? Sure does, although I'm tired out..."

his powerful, exhausting stride he rapidly opened up and spread the gap between himself and Mitchell, Burnham and Rafferty. But try as he might, he could not evade the easy striding Dixon on his heels. Dixon, running smoothly and with little apparent effort, kept pace with Dodds, content to stay on his heels without burning himself out.

At the half the rest of the boys were already out. They had fallen some 15 yards off the pace and it was apparent that they could never catch the two flying leaders. The half time was called off and was a blistering 2:02.7—a pace only Dodds could set.

At the three quarters Dodds was starting to pump harder and Dixon, about two feet behind, was striding smoothly. Then it started to happen. In previous races Dixon started to pass Dodds only on the last lap—but here, suddenly, with two laps to go, Dixon came off the 9th Avenue turn and began to move ahead. He pulled alongside Dodds on the straightaway then opened up a bit more and pulled ahead. Dodds, trying to regain the lead, let himself out still more but he could not possibly make it.

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Down the backstretch he spread

## Stowe Pleads For Soviet-U.S. Understanding

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LANSING, March 14.—Many State officials and legislators heard Leland Stowe, who recently returned from the Soviet Union, make a powerful plea for the strengthening of relations between our country and Russia, for opening of the second front immediately and for the immediate institution of overall war economy as he spoke in the Michigan State College Auditorium Wednesday.

Answering those who have expressed fear over the growing influence of the Soviet Union in Europe, he stated that "everyone (in Europe) knows what a Russian is. Very few of the enslaved peoples of Europe know what an American is. They won't find out by speeches from our congressmen or resolutions from chambers of commerce. They will be sure by what we do in the field of battle. This is the year we have to do it. We must have a second front this summer, and fight with the same dedication and accept the same losses as the Russians."

Stowe asserted that the great victory at Stalingrad had shortened the war by three years as he described the heroic fight of the Red Army-men, who regardless of sacrifice, fought for every street and cellar determined that the city would not fall. He praised the sacrifice of the Russian civilians as he stated that it was high time that we in America were fully cognizant of the fact that we had a war to win, Russia had been on wartime economy for years and wasted no time to shift all production for war and he expressed the feeling that this must be done without further delay in America.

He slapped at the activities of the appeasers and disrupters in Congress as he said, "The (Russians) had no Ham Fish, and think what that means to a country."

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## NEVER TOO OLD, NEVER TOO YOUNG



AIR RAID MESSENGER SERVICE members of Sector 4, New York City, prepare themselves for any emergency, including possible gas attack. At the youngsters' headquarters Sector Commander Marguerite Kalb adjusts Sammy Johnson's mask as his pal looks on.

## WAW Members Now 845,099

DETROIT.—The high peak of paid membership was reached by the United Auto Workers, CIO, in February when 845,099 war workers paid their dues. George Addes, secretary-treasurer declared that the continued growth of the union is the best proof that organization of the unorganized can be successfully conducted during a period of war.

He cited the successful elections conducted in plants throughout the country where the UAW-CIO was named as the representative of the employees.

## Nazis, Finland Sign Food Pact

The United Press reported yesterday that the Berlin radio broadcast a Helsinki dispatch announcing that an agreement had been signed between Germany and Finland for an exchange of goods during 1943.

The dispatch said that German shipments would "secure the Finnish food situation for the agricultural year of 1942-43."

NEW DELHI, March 14 (UP).—American heavy bombers scored damaging hits near the Peshawar bridge at Rangoon, Burma, on Friday and blasted railroad targets, the 10th U. S. Air Force reported today.

## LOW DOWN— Just How Good Is Jimmy Bivins?— A Question We Can't Answer

NAT LOW

It's been three days since the Bivins-Mauriello fight at the Garden—and we still don't know just how good Bivins is.

We've been thinking about it and discussing it with other fight writers and we still haven't been able to come to any conclusion other than that the Cleveland belter is very good and very clever.

How good though, is another question, a question whose answer will have to remain in abeyance till some other time.

Bivins as you no doubt know very well, trimmed the pants off likeable Tami Mauriello in a ten rounder Friday night. Beating Tami is a feat in itself (the only man to beat him as a heavyweight is Bivins himself, and he's done it twice already) but it was the manner in which he beat the Bronx Gangbuster that impressed the intelligentsia of Jacobs' Beach.

I never saw a man win a fight over a major opponent as easily and as unconcernedly as Bivins did that night. I will stand by that statement, too. The Cleveland artist-poet-fighter didn't raise the proverbial sweat in licking Mauriello. In the dressing room after the fight he was unmarked and unruffled. And exactly ten minutes after he climbed out of the ring he was breathing normally and peacefully. You'd swear you never saw a man as calm and relaxed after a fight as he was.

Now get the whole picture. Here was Tami, considered the best of the younger heavyweights, a man who has knocked out and otherwise beaten in recent fights such batters as Lou Nova, Red Burman, Lee Savold and others—and a man who held formidable Bob Pastor to a draw. It is his last fight as a civilian and he is in his own halliwit with the crowd practically one hundred per cent behind him.

Yet Bivins takes him with the ease of a man taking candy from a baby and has him on the verge of a knockout some half dozen times. Bivins is a deceptive fighter. He glides around the ring and lets go with what seems to be a floating, tender left. But when said left lands Bivins' opponent buckles at the knees and his face takes on a "Well imagine that" look.

We pointed out in our pre-fight column on Friday that Tami would find it difficult hitting Bivins on the button—but we certainly had no idea that he would not hit him at all. It was fantastic the way Jimmy pulled the sting out of Tami's very potent right. He would roll and bob and weave with every punch. He would throw half a dozen crashing lefts then cross up Tami with a right uppercut that brought stars to Mauriello's eyes. All in all it was quite a decisive and convincing thumping he gave the kid.

But what remained unsettled in the minds of the experts of fistiana was the ability of Jimmy to finish an opponent. There were no less than six times when one good hefty clout to the whiskers would have knocked Tami. But instead of following up such moments when Tami was hurt—as Joe Louis does and Ray Robinson does and as most great fighters do—Bivins would almost languidly and nonchalantly draw back and view his man as an artist does a canvas.

He simply refused to expend any unnecessary energy and he seemed to be thinking: "I'm way ahead. I can lick this guy any time. Why get all worked up over nothing?"

Of course, we don't know if Bivins did think that way—but at least he gave that impression.

It just didn't seem possible that a man could be that good, that calm and that unruffled in a ring. We had an idea Joe Louis was the calmest man we ever saw in action. We now doubt if he is.

Yes, the man is good. But we repeat—how good we don't know. There is no doubt that he is the best heavyweight around now—we would rank him only behind Louis and Billy Conn, and perhaps even ahead of flashy Billy.

As Tami said in his dressing room after the fight:

"What can you do with a guy like me? You can't even touch him!"

I wish I knew Tami—if I did maybe I'd get in there with him myself.

At that all I'd have to do is take off five or six pounds to get in shape.

"Wanna fight, Jimmy?"

(P. S.: We're just kidding. Actually we stopped fighting heavyweights last year.)

## Michigan Bill Would Outlaw Discrimination

By Tom Dombrowski

LANSING, March 14.—One of the most important measures to face the state legislature in this session is Senate Bill 226 jointly introduced by Senator Charles C. Diggs, Democrat from Wayne County and only Negro in both houses, and Muri DePoe, Republican from Grand Rapids. The measure would make discrimination on account of race, creed, sex, color or national origin a misdemeanor punishable by fine and imprisonment.

Passage of this bill would strengthen the war production of Michigan and make it possible for tens of thousands of Negro men and women to be employed at war plants which are discriminating against them or which have done some "token hiring" to indicate compliance with the President's Order 8802. The failure of the Fair Employment Practices Committee to hold its public hearing and expose this practice make the passage of the bill all the more necessary.

It would further alleviate the tremendous housing and health problem that will become aggravated if resident Negro labor is not hired and the additional 100,000 expected to be employed by summer will stream into Detroit.

## WOULD BAR BIAS

The bill would make it unlawful for any employer hiring over 20 employees to discriminate in hiring, firing or training employees because of race, creed, sex, color or national origin and would impose a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment for not longer than six months. Another feature of the bill would make it possible for those discriminated against to recover the sum that they would have earned had they not been discriminated against.

The department of labor and industry is empowered to enforce the measures of this bill.

The bill is now in the State Affairs Committee of which both sponsors are members. To assure that this bill receive immediate consideration support in the form of wires, resolutions and letters addressed to the chairman of the Committee, Earl W. Munshaw must be forthcoming.

The greatest threat facing the bill

## Services Today For Famed Poet

Funeral services for Stephen Vincent Benet, prominent poet and literary critic, will be held today, 2:30 P. M., at St. James Episcopal Church.

Benet, who died Saturday, is the author of the famous book-length poem, "John Brown's Body," a powerful narrative of the Civil War.

Benet was extremely active in writing plays and stories for various radio broadcasts and publications promoting the war effort. A bitter foe of fascism, he continually emphasized the democratic principles involved in the struggle.

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